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LETTER DATED 4 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BURUNDI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On 22 October 1993, I sent you a letter informing you of the unsettled political situation prevailing in my country following the tragic events of 21 October 1993.

On 25 October 1993, I requested you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council with a view to the adoption of urgent and energetic measures to restore peace and ensure a return to the normal constitutional order.

My delegation wishes to express its deep gratitude for the dispatch with which you acceded to its request and is also grateful to the Security Council for the important statement adopted on that occasion.

Shortly thereafter, the General Assembly met and adopted unanimously a resolution unreservedly condemning the putsch of 21 October 1993, in which it expressed support for the efforts being made to promote a return to constitutional order and the protection of democratic institutions in Burundi.

The content of the letter addressed to you on 2 November 1993 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations constitutes a step in the direction desired by the General Assembly.

On instructions from my Government, I therefore wish to reiterate the request made to the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the dispatch of an international force to Burundi. The Government is making this request because it considers that the presence of this force would help to dispel mistrust and would reassure the hundreds of thousands of inhabitants of Burundi who have taken refuge in neighbouring countries and the many displaced persons as regards their return to their homes.

I should therefore be grateful if you would conduct consultations on this matter and convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to examine the request made by my Government in this connection.

I should also be grateful if you would bring the content of this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thérence SINUNGURUZA
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Permanent Representative